EYE-OPENERS FOR CHOATE. "I WISH I COULD GET OUT OF THIS," HE SAYS, SEZEE.

There Is Such a Thing as Staying Too Long is a Fight When the Other Fellow Carries Too Many Guns More Answers to Senator Pacey's Solicitous Inquiries, For his who fights and runs away.

May live to fight another day; but he who is in battle slain can gover the and light spain. This was the carol of the doughty Republicans resterday when they learned that Mr. Choate

had said to a Milhelland leaguer the other day "I wish I could get out of this."
By "this" Mr. Choate was understood to mean

his canvace for the United States Senatorship. The Choate clubs that were to be organized in the country districts do not materialize. Every cross-roads town and hamlet in the State was to have a Cheate club according to Milholland. The letters from the Republican legislators who are to vote for United States Senator bay nued to pour in for Platt, and Mr. Choate is like that chap who sang:

I do not slumber much at night, Teamer tell you why.
But frequently I wake and find An opening in my eve.

Having listened to Milholland's promises last summer to make him United States Senator be has begun to understand the true situation of affairs and that:

You cannot cure hams with a hammer Or measure a dram with a drama. Fe sums with a summer, Stew plums with a plumber, Or yet shear a ram with a rammer.

It requires votes of Republican legislators to make a Republican United States Senator, Up to last night it was conceded that Mr. Choate will have five out of the 151 Republican votes in the joint caucus to be held at Albany on Jan. 18, and that Platt, if he wants them, can have the remaining 140. Here follow more letters from the Republican legislators who have votes to Senator Paves, in reply to his appeal for

rom the core of th course taking the risk of disappointment) that the greater he "hostility" and "opposition" the more you would be inclined to rally to his support if you could only see that the "public welfare" demands it. It is my misforture not to knew your candidate except by his public reputation, hence I have no bias of "personal hostility" in considering the request you make to support his candidacy. As you truly say, "the union of moral and intellectual political forces of the late campaign must be preserved." Let us "shoot on the spot" any one who would dissever them. Were there two Senators to be elected, many would be strongly tempted to ask you to lay aside for the cocasion our usual modesty and name also the running mate for your candidate, so that no one could entertain a lingering doubt, that this most desirable "aution" might be preserved. But, as this cannot be, and though it grieves me deeply to think that the "union of moral and intellectual political forces" may by any possibility be severed, or only preserved in the interest of what I believe to be the greatest good to the Republican cause and of a proper support of the incoming national administration, to vote for one who did his full share toward making Republican success possible, rather than for a candidate who is nut forward by gentlemen whose highest ambition seems to be to gather the fruits of a victory to which their candidate is claimed to have contributed at least his individual vote. I invite you, my dear Senator, to foin me in voting for the Hon. Thomas C. Platt.

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ator by practically a unanimous vote unless himself forbids it. Mr. Choate is doubtless himself forbids it. Mr. Choate is doubtless a brilliant erator, but the people are not this year apparently selecting their rulers for year apparently selecting their rulers for their oratorical qualifications exclusively. The Senate is often criticised now for its excess of talk and slowness of action. To send to the Senate a few more brainy business men, conversant with affairs of state, who would talk less and act more, might be an advantage to the control.

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Assemblyman William Schneider of the Fourth district of Erie In answer to yours requesting my support and vote for the Hon, Joseph In. Choate for United States Senator, I would say that after deliberation I have decided to vote for the Hon. Thomas C. Platt for United States Senator. He has been the recognized leader of the party for a good many years, and it seems to me that it would be a fitting reward for his able leadership and abilities displayed.

years, and it seems to me that it would be a fitting reward for his able leadership and abilities displayed. Assemblyman Charles F. Tupper of the Sec-ond district of Broome—Some time since I reond district of Broome Some time since I re-crived a letter from you asking me to support Joseph H. Choate for the position of United States Senator at the coming session of the Legislature to succeed David B. Hill. While At that time not in a second or the coming session of the States Senator at the coming session of the Legislature to succeed David B. Hill. While at that time not in accord with the proposition, nothing and occurred to prevent me from impartially considering the claims of all candidates. Since, however, having read the speeches and utterances of the so-called supporters of Mr. Choate at their recent meeting at Carneys Hall, a decent self-respect for myself as a legislator and as a consistent Republican demands of me a reply to your letter. I have beard much of Mr. Choate as an eminent member of my own profession and as a brilliant prator, and that he is an upright and honorable gentleman, all of which I believe. But I have no knowledge that Mr. Choate is a Republican, or that he has ever taken any interest in the Republican party or its success. In the recent political contest, involving issues of overwhelming importance, when the honor of the nation and the welfare of its people were imperilled, and when every loyal Republican and thousands of patriotic Democrats were marshing together as they did in 1861, to prevent the threatened disaster of the success of the candidates of the Chicago Convention and its avowed principles, the voice and genius and the oratory of the Hon. Joseph H. Choste were not given to the cause so dear and mear to the hearts of every loyal Republican. Men who come forth from the cover of seclusion at such times and ask my vote for the great office of thirds I States Senator must excuse me if I decided. Ethics I States Senator must excuse me if I decided. Ethics I States Senator must excuse me if I decided. Ethics I States Senator must excuse me if I decided. Ethics I States Senator must excuse me if I decided. Ethics I States Senator must excuse me if I decided. Ethics I States Senator must excuse me if I decided the senator of the senator of the senator of the content of the senator of the senator of the senator of the senator of the succession at the senator of the success of the candidates of the chicago convention and the oratory of the sen such times and ask my vote for the great office of United States Senator must excuse me if I deciles. If the Mon. Thomas C. Pistr is a candidate for the office of United States Senator. I avail muself of this opportunity to place myself thus early on record as in favor of his selection for that great office. For over lifteen seatly on record as in favor of his selection for that great office. For over lifteen seatly by the free thoice of the Republicans of this State, and without the aid of either partonage or power, he has been the leader of the Republican party, not only in name, but in active and toyin work. He has heid this position, because he has at all times commanded the conducine and approval of over 90 per cent. of his party in this State, For many years lest he has withstood the venomous attacks of a small number of recreant Republicans, who lourish for a while as reformers, without suffering the least diminution in the esteem of his follow citizens. To say that this leadership has been maintained during this long hered by improper methods, or by any means other than his ability, loyalty, and integrity, is tarcharge the mass of Republicans of this State with being either ignorant or corrupt. Mr. Platt has never application for he before the least of the least o ther than his ability, loyalty, and integrity, to charge the mass of kenublicans of this tast with being either ignorant or corrunt. It is also that the property of the party and the with being either ignorant or corrunt. It is also that has nover applicated for his Kepublians and his chefest delight seems to applie the success of his party and the party and the party is a seem the success of his party and the party is a substantial to the party and the party and the party is a substantial to the success of his party and the party is a substantial to the welfare of the fact or nation. To my mind he has always on loyal, sourageous, and level-healed. 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crease in that body in the number of courageous men with honest purposes is perhaps what is most wanted. Mr. Platt in the Senate. I believe, will fill the measure of such need. For myself, I think that a man of couragr, patriotism, and good sense in the councils of the nation, who has a tried record, and whose convictions on questions believed in by the Republican party are so well known, will better represent the State and better serve the country than a man of no tried public experience and of uncertain convictions on questions of Republican policy, no matter to what eminense he may have attained in his profession. For the reasons stated am for the Hon. Thomas C. Platt, if a candidate, and will heartily surport him for the position.

"The Sun said, the other day," remarked one of the Fifty in charge of the Choate boomiet to a Fifth Avenue Hotel Republican yesterday. "that the Choate boom had floated 'avay in die ewigkeit.' Now what does that mean?"

"What does that mean?" repeated the militant Republican.

"Why, you know, don't you?"

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"Why, you know, don't you?"

No."
You really want to know?"

"Yes."
"Well, that meant that if there ever had been any Choate boom it had gone to eternity; know what eternity means?"
"What's your interpretation?"
"Without beginning in the past or end in the

"Without beginning in the past or end in the future."
"Oh! No existence at all?"
"Not on your life."
"Oh! Thank you very kindir, thank you very much."
"Welcome, I assure you."

On: Thank you very kindly, thank you very much."

"Welcome, I assure you."

Paul D. Cravath has written an open letter to President Cornelius N. Bliss of the Republican Club, in order, as he says, to deliver himself of the speech about Platt which he was not permitted to make at the recent special meeting of the club. He rehearses some of the things that were said about Platt and "fraud" in the days of the Committee of Twenty-live, of which Mr. Bliss was a member, and says:

"The following quotation from a statement by you, published in the Mail and Express of Jan. 27 of this year, will serve to indicate the position then taken with reference to Mr. Platt by the Committee of Twenty-live and its supporters:

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"I am not especially concerned in anything Mr. Flatt may feel called upon to say, but I am firmly convinced of this muchi That, though through his partinership with Stewart, Thorton, Lauterbach & Co. he has taken forced possession of the Republican county organization, he has not the standing in this city to command the confidence of the Republican masses. He is not a voter here. Nevertheless, he is responsible for the frauds which have been committed here by his followers-frauds much too serious and far-reaching to be permitted to go unremedied. Mr. Piatt's denunciation of the Republicans who propose to show an three frauds will not stop the extosures. The investigation will go on to the end, regardless of consequences to any one, or to the clarge that those engaged in it are botters' or bott from such the organization. There can be no bott from such the organization and all those and Stewarts and Lauterbach have done all those and stewarts and lauterbach have done and far fauthent organization in this county at Mr. Platt's direction.

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"Men who believed in the work of the Committee of Twenty-five cannet disagree as to a
single fact or the substantial correctness of a
single conclusion thus far stated. In the light
of the undisputed facts I cannot understand
the present era of harmony dinners' and general conclilation. Mr. Platt and his political
methods cortainly have not changed for the
better. It is as certain now as it was three
months ago, that unless the party is purged
from within it will be purged from without by
defeat at the polls, which is the inevitable punishment of a party which allows itself to fail
into the control of an arrogant and corrupt organization. It is true that the machine never had so many offices to offer
as now, that harmony in the party will save
some embarrassment in the distribution of appointments by the incoming Federal Adminiatration, and that a man who now opposes the
machine puts his political life in jeopardy. But
we must agree that such considerations of convenience and personal advantage should have
no weight where the issue is between honesty
and diahonesty. Therefore, why should we not
sure now, as we did early in the year when we
signed the report of the Committee of Twentyfive, that nothing could be more disastrons to
the party than compromise with fraud'? There
is hardly a member of the Union League Club
or of the Republican Club, except those who are
allenced by the possession or hope of office, who
does not in private express his disgust of
the party management in language more forcible than I have used in this letter, for I
have tried to avoid 'personal vituperation.' The
time has come when self-respecting Republicans
should have the corrage to say publicly what
they say privately. The Republican party would
be courting defea

DRY DOLLAR NOT WITH PURROY. Has Made Rio Peace with Sheehan and Assented to Parroy's Expulsion. There was a lull in the Tammany factional row yesterday. The belligerents were too busy

saying "Happy New Year" to indulge in active hostilities.
It has been suggested that State Senator Timothy Drydollar Sullivan might join forces with County Clerk Purroy in his revolt against the leadership of John C. Sheehan. A friend of the Senator said vesterday that such a result is impossible. He declared that Tim's friendly relations with Purroy, which had been of long standing and resulted in his uniting with Mr. Purroy's representatives in the Legislature to aid the Republicans in the passage of the Greater New York bill last year, were severed shortly before election. He said that Tim, who was roundly abused by the Tammany leaders for his stand in the Legislature has made his peace with Mr. Sheehan, and is in no way anxious to make a new alliance with Mr. Purroy, especially one which will mean a severance of his political relations with Tammany. This friend said further that Senator Sullivan was ready not long ago to vote for the resolution expelling Purroy, which was prepared for presentation to the Executive Committee of the Wigwam.

Sullivan did unite with Purroy and Scammell in forming the Bryan and Sewall Central Club, but he ceased to be active in the work of that Tammany auxiliary some weeks before the election. It is said that his break with Purroy occurred about that time.

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Purroy and his iriends say that the success of their movement does not depend on Sullivan or any other leader. They declare that the dissat-isfaction with present administration of Tam-many affairs is so widespread that there will be no difficulty in building up a formidable oppo-sition throughout the city in every Assembly district. The leaders, they say, will develop.

CAUCUS CANDIDATES.

Bidman for Senner's Place and C. K. Lexo

Nominated to Succeed Olcott. The Republican County organization, through its leaders in caucus, has decided to support Ferdinand Eldman for Federal Commissioner of Immigration. Mr. Eidn an was Internal Revenue Collector for the Third New York district under the Harrison Administration.

The organization has also recommended to District Attorney Olcott that he appoint Charles K. Lexow a Deputy Assistant at a salary of \$5,000. Mr. Lexow is the machine leader in the Twenty-second Assembly district. He is a brother of State Senator Clarence Lexow.

It has been agreed that John Sabine Smith shall be chosen as a delegate to the Kepublican County Committee from the Twenty-seventh Assembly district in place of C. W. Zaring, who is to be appointed a Deputy Assistant District Attorney, and by such appointment will be rendered in eligible to serve on the committee.

Mr. Smith failed to secure election at the District Charles on the Convention, but his stand against the Choste resolution in the Republican Club has squared him with the regulars. Mr. Smith would not be averse to becoming ineligible to membership in the County Committee himself if he could be United States District Attorney. District Attorney Olcott that he appoint Charles

Populist Crowe to Contest a Scat in Con-

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 1 .- Dr. G. B. Crowe, Populist, who ran for Congress from this, the Ninth district, has written Oscar W. Underwood. Democrat, who was elected according to the returns, that a contest will be made for the seat. Dr. Crowe intimates that gross frauds were perpetrated in all of the counties in the district, and that great intimidation was brought district, and that great internation was those to bear on voters against Dr. Crowe. Mr. Underwood has replied to the letter, denving all the charges. Crowe was Kob's ligutenant when the latter ran for Governor on the Populisticket, and it was he who proposed to assist Kob's in setting up a dual government in Ala-

North Carolina's Senate Contest. RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 1. Republicans from various parts of the State are assembling here to participate in the United States Schatorship contest. The Republicans all declare for Pritchard. The Secretary of the Republican State Committee arrived this evening to con-duct Pritchard's campaign. He says there are 72 Republicans in the Legislature. Eighty-six are a majority. The Populists claim 60 mem-bers out of 170 composing the Legislature.

Hit by a Trolley Car.

Trolley car 331 of the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company collided with a wagon at Third avenue and Eighty-third street, Brooklyn, early yesterday morning: The driver of the wagon, John Mchaelson of Main street, near Sixteenth avenue, was thrown out, and two ribs on the right side were fractured. He was taken to his home in an ambulance. The wagon, valued at \$75, was demolished. BROKEN HEADS AT A BALL.

THE JOHN F. YOUNG ASSOCIATION FAILED TO PRESERVE PEACE.

Williamsburgh Toughs Invade a Sall to Make Trouble-A Bouncing Committee In Men and Several Women Injured. The Joseph F. Young Association is an organ-

ization of young men in Williamsburgh, who give each winter three or four balls. At one of the affairs several weeks ago two men got into a row over a woman and punched each other s little bit. Then they were put out. That ended the one disagreeable feature of the ball, but the members made it the occasion of an announcement to the effect that any man who started a row at the next ball of the Joseph F. Young Association, no matter what the provocation, would be "done up" and thrown out ir short order.

If the members had been seeking for some way to make trouble at their New Year's dance on Thursday night they could not have adopted a better method. A crowd of toughs went to the ball with the avowed purpose of making a row and then defying the committee to eject them The club members gathered together all their strong men and hired a few extra hands. Then they waited for the row. It came about two hours after the ball opened, and for a time wared flercely. Heads were broken and eyes blackened, while clubs, bottles, beer glasses, chairs, and cuspidores were used as weapons. A half dozen times were the combatants separated, but never did peace reign for more than fifteen minutes at a time. The ball broke up in a final row in which a couple of hundred men tool part. When all was over there nine unconscious men lying on the floor. a dozen women had fainted and as many more were hysterical, thus adding to the confusion. Two men and a woman, who were baily injured early in the fight, were taken away in an ambulance, while six members of the "Peace" Committee had to be taken home in backs and have their injuries attended to by physicians.

The ball was held in Henry Winter's Teutonia Hall, at Harrison avenue and Bartlett street, one of the biggest in Williamsburgh. A barroom opens off one side of the hall, while one end is devoted entirely to tables and chairs. where the dancers sit and drink, A gallery runs around the hall and the band holds fort

from the south end of it. When a club hires the hall for a dance they pay the proprietor a small sum as a guarantee If the sale of liquor comes up to a certain figure they get the deposit back again. The club depends on the sale of admission tickets and hat checks for remuneration. Anybody with the price can get in So the gang which came around to test the bouncing ability of the committee had no difficulty at the door. There were about ten of these youths. Among them was an alleged prize fighter known as Hugh Winters. The others were said to be fighters, also, of local fame,

This crowd went up into one corner of the gailery and sat there drinking and smoking. The members of the association, having spotted them, quietly got together a dozen "bouncers," who were sent up in the gallery to sit near the

About I o'cleck in the morning the two factions in the gallery got mixed up. There were words between John Kemp, one of the invaders, and one of the bouncers. Kemp pulled out a pistol, but before he could use it his an-tagonist hit him on the jaw. That was the signal for a general fight in the gallery. It was thump, thump, thump, and at each blow a man went down, only to get up again and give a similar dose to some one else. it took the prize fighters about ten minute to do up the bouncers, and then they started

to do up the bouncers, and then they started down stairs to clear the floor. At the foot of the stairs they met the members of the committee, led by the Chairman, John Abernathy. The first fighter who came down stairs was knocked down. The second and third met a like fate. The rest of the bunch made for the barroom, and when the committee came after them it was met with a shower of beer glasses. One of the glasses hit Abernathy over the eye and cut his face open. The rest of the glasses flow out into the ballroom, and then the women set up a screaming that drowned the noise of the fight. Special Foliceman James Ladoux tried to separate the fishers, but he failed. The bartenders got under the bar and the waiters huddled in a corner, the fishers meanwhile forcing each other all over the barroom. The band struggled in vain to lure people out on the floor. "Sweet Roste O'Grady" and a dozen other popular melodies failed alike to get them to datace. By this time fully a hundred mon were in the scrimmage, some of them having no interest h, it at all. Two women who tried to pull away their husbands or brothers were knocked down and stepped upon. About half the women were in fancy costume. Two or three were prone upon the floor, having fainted, some were spread out on the tables, while others were shrieking at the tops of their lungs.

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After about twenty minutes of fighting in the barroom the fighters were separated by the crowd which had been pouring in. Some were forced out toward the door, some up in the gailery, and others into the baliroom. Abernathy's friends took him into the wash room to attend to his injuries, and for a time the barroom was cleared.

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When Abernathy came out again, however, one of the invalers who had been waiting gave him a punch that sent him clean across the room. Somebody else hit him with a beer glass, which settled Abernathy for the rest of the night. His wife became hysterical again and was carried out of the hall.

A cab was called, and she and her husband were sent to their home at 950 Bedford avenue. Then the fight was renewed in several places at the same time. One of the prize fighters got into the room where the tables were. A woman recognized him as one of those who had started the fight.

You ought to be ashamed of yourself, you loafer, she said.

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You ought to be in the tables were the fighter's head, and in about half a minute the fighter's head, and in about half a minute the fight was general in that part of the hall.

In the gallery a member cornered Kemp, who had shown a pistol early in the row.

"Give me that pistol," said the member.

"I won't," said Kemp.

The member struck at Kemp, but before he could land a beer glass hit him under the ear and he dropped. Then the fighters worked their way into the woman's coat room.

Alarmed at the fight, the women had gone up to get their hats and wraps. When the fighters got in, the women yelled "Murder!" "Help!" and "Police!" Some of them got out uninjured, but several were trampled on and bruised.

After the ball was over two men were picked up unconscious from the barroom floor. Their heads had been bally cut and they had been summoned for the woman who had been struck by a rough, and the two men and been struck by a rough, and the two men and

had been summoned for the woman who had been struck by a rough, and the two men and been struck by a rough, and the two men and the woman were taken to a nospital.

At this stage of the proceedings the members and a desperate effort to take the minds of their guests away from fight. They were almost successful. The band started up and a number of people began dancing.

Peace reigned only a very few moments, however. Two men soon came together in the barroom. They had been in one of the earlier fights, and they lost no time in going for one another.

another.
In less than five minutes the whole place was as trangling mass of men and women. The special policemen, the proprietor, and some of his men were swept away like straws, Glasses and bottles began again to fiv.

Those who had watched the other fights had to rush out of the hall or take the chance of being brained. Nine members of the committee were carried out badly injured, and were sent home in carriages. home in carriages. Nine other men were picked nome in carriages, whe dates men were all so ex-tages and came when the men were all so ex-hausted that they could offer no resistance to the attaches of the place, who charged on them. They were all swept out into the hallway and then ejected. The few who remained 'had no heart for dancing, and left soon afterward. The police were not called in during the row.

Entertalument te Help Mrs. Lathrop's Work NEW LONDON, Conn., Jan. 1,-Anna Warner Bailey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, gave an entertainment this after noon and evening, the proceeds of which will be devoted to Mrs. Rose Hawthorne Lathrop's charitable work in New York. The entertainment consisted of a 4 o'clock tea, with vocal and instrumental music. Among those who took part were Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Muir, Miss Laing, Mrs. Harner, Miss Geer, Mrs. Lamb and Mr. Hyde. Among the patronesses were Mrs. Chiptert Slocanb, Mrs. Marion Stayner Mrs. Chaptell, Miss Chew, and other regents and members of the D. A. R. and their friends.

Curnick-Schwab,

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 1 .- Emma Schwab, the daughter of High School Commissioner Joseph Schwab, and F. C. Curnick of New York were married this morning at the bride's home.
The bride is a Jewess, but the ceremony was a civil one, as the bridegroom would not accept the Jewish faith. Ex-Mayor William Waldo Hyde officiated.



These days, our stores are as full of bargains as a pudding of plums; but even with all good plums some are fatter than others.

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prices as high as \$50. Sack suits and Fugitsh walking coat suits. \$15, \$16, \$18, and \$19; some were \$10 higher.

Boys' long-trouser suits, since 18, 14, and 15, 87.50; priced formerly as high as \$20. Little fellows' overcoats and reefers \$5;

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Ambroise Thomas's "Hamlet" Sung at the

Ambroise Thomas's "Hamlet" never could have lived except for its last act, which s the only inspired portion of his work. Nearly all the other music is dull and unpleasing, a sort of monotonous recitative for the most part, which, even in emo tional or tragic scenes, scarcely rises from choly. The drama is cut up, also, into too many acts, so that continuity is destroyed. It is almost certain, there-"Hamlet" could never be a popular or even a favorite opera, in spite of the ineffable beauty of its closing scene which rises to a height of artistic glory overtopped by few, if any, of those colossal edi fices raised in musical composition by great geninses.

" Hamlet" is well thought of in Paris, where naturally, its chief successes have been achieved in past years, and it is welcome, of course, in its turn among other operas of a large repertoire such as the Metropolitan should have at command and on call. Especially is this the case when it is done as admirably as it was last evening. Lasalle was the Homiet, and it is a part which suits this artist as thoroughly as any other he attempts, although by this it need not be understood that he fills the rôle ideally well. Much, both in acting and singing, could be improved upon his delineation. Still, Lasalle made an acceptable figure of a character extremely difficult to impersonate.

Mine, Litviane, who is a reliable artist that evidently knows many roles, did the Queen in a satisfactory manner, and King Plançon's imposing stage presence and rich tones seemed to steady things upon the stage whenever he appeared, giving confidence alike to singers and audience.

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Placards at the entrance of the Opera House announced the indisposition of Mme. Calvé, with the fact that Mme. De Vere Sapio had agreed at the shortest possible notice to take her place. These who knew Mme. Sapio's artistic attainments felt no doubt that even under the unfavorable circumstances of no rehearsal and the inevitable nervousness attending a first performance she would be able to please her andience and do ample credit to her own previously high reputation. Results proved the justness of such suppositions, for Mme. Sapio's performance was a very charming one, and was so acknowledged by her hearers, as was testined to by the flattering applause she received both during and after the opera.

After a long absence from the boards it is but natural that vocally her triumph transcended ber drawatic success. She showed perfect

operatic stage, and with this fortunate, fate-ful opening it may be hoped that she will follow up the chance and become once more the successful prima donna. Her voice was particularly beautiful in the last few ex-quisite phrases sung while Ophelia floats down the rush-lined stream.

A few words of sincere praise for the way in which "Hamlet" is put upon the stage is due to the management. the management.
The scenery, the entire arrangements, and the ballet, all were admirable. Mr. Parry and his assistants are not only clever but indefatigable.

AMBASSADOR EUSTIS RECEIVES, Consul-General Morse Also Is at Home

PARIS, Jan. 1.- The Hon. James B. Eustis, the merican Ambassador, held a New Year's reception to-day. Miss Eustis, daughter of the Ambassador, acted as hostess. She was as sisted by Mrs. George Eustis, Mrs. Alan Eustis, and Mrs. Vignaud, wife of the Secretary of the

Among those who attended the reception were William Dannat, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bacon, Col. and Mrs. Charles Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Geodrich, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Stewart, Major and Mrs. Huntingdon, Mr. and Mrs. John George Munroe, and Countess de Costlogon.
Samuel E. Morss, the American Consul-General, and Mrs. Morss gave an "At Home" which was attended by 500 persons. The salons of both the Ambassador and the Consul-General were beautifully decorated.

DECORATED BY QUEEN VICTORIA Portugal's Foreign Minister Rewarded for Settling the Trintdad Dispute.

LONDON, Jan. 1 .- Among the New Year's honors conferred by the Queen is the appointment of Senhor Juiz Pinto de Soveral, Portu guese Minister of Foreign Affairs, to be a Knigh Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St George. The honor was conferred in recognition of his assistance in the settlement of the Anglo-Brazilian dispute regarding the ownership of the laiand of Trinidad, off the coast of Brazil, Great Britain took possession of the island with he intention of making it a cable station, but Brazil made a vigorous protest, claiming the leiand as her own. This claim was substantiated and Great Britain withdrew.

TURKEY'S YEARLY DEFICIT.

,000,000 Turkish Pounds Since 1800-Reforms Suggested. CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 1 .- Sir Edgar Vincent Sovernor of the Imperial Ottoman Bank, has made a report to the Sultan on the finances of

The report shows an average yearly deficit of one militon pounds Turkish since 1890, but Sir Edgar insists that there is nothing to prevent the restoring of a baiance if the problem is grappled with honestly. He recommends a re-duction of the military expenditures and sug-gests other reforms.

THE CZAR GREETS FAURE. His Memories of His French Visit Said to

Be Ineffaceable. PARIS. Jan. 1.-President Faure received a telegram from the Czar to-day, in which the Czar, in addition to the usual New Year's greet czar, in addition to the usual New Year's greet-lugs, expresses his good wishes for the pros-perity of France, "Among the pleasantest rec-ollections of the year," the Czar says, "are those of my charming sojeurn in your beautiful country, the memory of which is ineffaceable."

The Queen and Her Colontal Empire. LONDON, Jan. 1.-The Queen's speech, opening the coming session of Parliament, is expected to refer to a closer union between Great Britain and the colonies, and to indicate the views of the Government in the matter.

Faure Talks Peace.

PARIS, Jan. 1.-President Faure received the diplomatists to-day, and in addressing them said that the ardent desire for concert and union by which the powers showed themselves to be animated, justified them in looking forward with confidence to the year 1897.

KILLED BY AN ELEVATOR. A Butcher's Boy Crushed Between the

Floor and the Shaft Door.

Bernard Graham, a lad of 14 years, was killed yesterday morning soon after 10 o'clock in the Oriental apartment house at 153 East Seventy second street, by an elevator used to hoist freight and baggage to the upper floors of the building. Graham was employed by Joseph Eschler of 1292 Third avenue as an errand boy. He went to the apartment house from his employer's meat market with some supplies for the family of the Rev. David Davidson, who lives on the fourth floor. He entered the building by way of the basement door and walked up one flight of stairs. The freight elevator was not in use at the time, and he evidently jumped

ing the two weeks that he had worked for Mr Eschler.

A minute later Sarah Smyth, the maid employed by Mr. Davidson, heard a scream in the hall near the kitchen. She looked out and saw young Graham wedged tightly in botween the floor of the car and the shaft door. She called to the house engineer, William Semon, who, with the aid of Mr. Davidson, sawed away the door and released Graham. Dr. Henry C. Stark of 151 East Seventy-second street was sent for. When he arrived a few minutes later the boy was dead. It is not known exactly how the accident happened, but it is probable that as Graham was reaving the elevator some one on one of the lower floors pulled the rope, not knowing that Graham was in the car.

This is the second accident that has happened on the same elevator within two months. The first one happened to a young Italian boy, who received a broken leg. He sat on the floor of the elevator with his legs hanging over the edge, and as the car ascended they were caught between the floor and the top of the shaft door.

Signs informing persons that the car is not for the use of passengers are displayed, but the errand boys from the different shops in that neighborhood have nevertheless persisted in using the elevator.

COUPERUNS OFER A PIANO ORGAN.

The Organ Smashed and the Organ Grinder Injured-Coupe Driver Locked Up. The new year opened disastrously for Giu-

seppe Catanica, an organ grinder of 183 Eliz-beth street, and John Dillon, a back driver of 500% East Eightieth street. Dillon's coupé and Catanica's organ got into a collision last night, and, as a result, Catanica was cent, maimed, to the Flower Hospital, and Dillon was locked up in the East Sixty-seventh street police station.

fession, and he owned or hired a plane organ which had a whole company of dancers that pirouetted on a board in the front while the music played. The organ was heavy and was mounted on a wheeled cart, which Catanica drew, hauling in front, while his assistant, Joseph Banica, pushed behind. These two had been out all day yesterday, reaping a harvest of holiday cents, and at 8 o'clock, happy but weary, were going down Lexington avenue, homeward bound. Directly behind them came Dillon driving a one-horse coupe.

At Sixty-eighth street there was a complication of turning in and out from the car tracks on Dillon's part, to avoid a cable car or two. As a result Dillon's horse ran into Banica, who was pushing the organ; the shafts struck the heavy organ, the organ turned its cart over, and Catanica, held by the shafts of his own cart, was caught and crushed in the wreck. tanica drew, hauling in front, while his

wreck.

Passers by went to his aid, and while some made sure that Dillon did not escape others notified the police.

After Catanica had been sent off to the hospital his wrecked organ was taken to the police station. It took six policemen to get it up the station house steps it was so heavy. It was apparently hopelessiy wrecked.

The whole top had been broken off and the dancing figures were torn ruthlessly away from the music to whose sounds they had spent their whole existence in twirling.

MAY HAVE BEEN MURDER. Brooklyn Police Investigating an Italian

Veto Lanzina, an Italian ragpicker, aged 40 years, of 211 York street, was found bleeding from the mouth and unconscious at 6:30 o'clock last evening, propped up against an elevated railroad pillar in Gold and York streets, Brooklyn. In addition to the cut on the mouth, he had an abrasion on the head and forehead.

He was picked up by Joseph Schobel of 38 Hudson avenue, and died shortly after his removal to his home. It was at first supposed the man had been murdered, and Police Captain

man had been murdered, and Police Captain
Druhan of the Fulton street station within an
hour or so had several Italians locked up on
suspicion. The investigation, however, as far
as it has progressed, failed to substantiate the
murder theory.

About 34s o'clock Lanzins left his home to
make a call on Thomas Macaroni, a shoemaker
in York and Gold streets. The two men and
Toney Corocco, Macaroni's assistant, went into
a neighboring saloon and had a few drinks.
Lanzina then left his friends and started off, as

HE DEMANDED A NIGHT'S LODGING.

Brooklyn Man Got It. Thomas Corcoran, who says he lives at 291 Pacific street, Brooklyn, walked into the Mercer street station at 3 o'clock yesterday morning and said to the Sergeant:

"As a citizen I demand a night's lodging." "Where do you live?" asked the astonished

"In Pacific street, Brooklyn," was the re-"Then you can't sleep here," said the Ser-"Then you can't sleep here," said the Sergeant.

"Oh I come in under the Greater New York charter," replied the man. "And, anyhow, I want to tell you that my wife won't support me, and that I am going to court to-day to make her give bonds to support me. She promised to do so when we were married. She's got lots of money, and I am tired of working."

Mr. Corooran was arrested and placed in a cell on a charge of intoxication. Magistrate Flammer discharged him when he was arraigned in Jefferson Market Court, where he denied being married.

BUFFALO, Jan. 1 .- Edward Donahue shot Capt. Frank Pryor twice in the face this evening in a quarrel over the payment of a fire ining in a quarrel over the payment of a fire in-surance premium. One of the builets went through Pryor's cheek and came out back of the ear, and the other shattered the jawbone and is still in his head. The result of the wounds is un-certain. The scene of the shooting was at a hotel between this city and Tonawanda, kept by Donahue. Prior is part owner of several canal boats and is well known among canal, men.

A Year in a Mexican Prison.

UTICA, Jan. 1 .- More than a year ago Bert Shepherd of Richfield Springs mysterfously disappeared. His mother has just received a letter from him saying that when on his way to Cuba with others a year ago his party was arrested in Mexico on a charge of conspiring against the Spanish Government. All the members were kept in prison without trial. A few days before Christmas Shepherd and some of his companions escaped and are now in Texas.

Homer A. Kingsley Dead.

CANADICE, N. Y., Jan. 1.-Homer A. Kingsley of Rochester died to-night, aged rears. He was in business in Rochester for over twenty-five years, and was prominent in politics. He was known throughout the State as Secretary of the Western New York Agricul-tural Society.

Mrs. Beecher Improving.

STAMFORD, Conn., Jan. 1 .- The physicians attending Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher now feel more confident of her recovery than at any time since the accident occurred. Mrs. Beech-er's condition is gradually improving, and her physicians, reiving upon her strong constitu-tion, think that she will recover.

Woman's Skull Fractured at an Ale Parts. There was a mixed ale party in the rooms of Jeremiah Evans, a laborer, at 354 Madison street, last evening, which was followed by a fight. During the fight Charles Rutter, allas Rudy, struck Evans's wife Mary, 32 years old, over the head with a heavy china sugar bowl, fracturing her skull. She was taken to the Gouveneur Hospital. Rutter escaped.

Where Yesterday's Fires Were, A. M .- 12:25, 1215; Ludlew street, K. Louden, lamage slight; 2:50, 240 Front street, Hammill &

damage slight: 2:50, 240 Front street, Hammill & Stilesful, no damage: 10:05, 27 Walker street Waltern & Co., no damage. P. M.—15:05, 218 Second street, Rosa Kolisch, damage trifling: 4:30 78 Cilnion place, Edgerton schmidt, damage \$25, 5:25, 23 West Iwelfin street, Elizabeth J. Walling, damage \$300; 5:45, 7.4 van. e. A. William Bartels, damage trifling: 6:45, 440 hatt Fifty-almith street. Herry Smith, damage \$3, 0:55, 215 Cherry street, no damage; 7:15, 13 Downing street, Lizzie Condon, no damage; 7:30, 136 East 137th street, Joseph Rourke, damage trifling: 8:10, Fifty-sinth street and Grand Circle, Hotel Pomercy, damage \$100.



SHOT HIS FORMER MISTRESS. Raymond Couldn't Persuade Her to Make

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well's Durham. Buy a bag

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gives a list of valuable pres-

ents and how to get them.

Up Their Quarrel. Minnie Clark, a colored widow of 45 years vas shot and seriously wounded at 6:30 o'clock last evening in front of her home at Gravesen avenue and Avenue T, in the Gravesend district in Brooklyn, by William Raymond, aged 34 years, also colored, of West Third street, Copey Island. The couple formerly fived to

gether and ran a laundry in Gravesend. They had a quarrel some months ago and had since been living apart. Raymond called on the woman yesterday, as supposed with a view of adjusting the difficulty, but she refused to admit him to her apartments and the controversy was carried on in the hallway. Raymond angrily demanded that Mrs. Clark should surrender the furniture he had bought and the laundry fixtures he had put up. He was still clamoring for his furniture when he got still clamoring for his furniture when he got on the sidewalk, and as Mrs. Clark was in the act of closing the door he whituped out a revolver, and, levelling it at her head at dangerously short range, pulled the trigger. The builet passed through her neck, entering on the right side, and lodged in the left shoulder. The woman fell forward on the sidewalk, and before the neighbors who had been alarmed by the shooting reached her side Raymond had fied.

The woman was carried up stairs and Dr. Bergen of the Neck road was summoned, but he declined to treat her, because, as the police explain, he regarded the wound as too serious. An ambulance was then summoned and the injured woman removed to the Norwegian Hospital.

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An hour or so after the shooting Policeman Shea of the Gravesend station arrested Raymond. He expressed no regret for his act, and was apparently disappointed that he had not killed his victim. He said that he threw the revolver away after the shooting, when he found that it was no further use to him.

"Intended," he said, "to kill myself, but the pistol wouldn't work."

The pistol, an old 32-calibre affair, was found near the scene of the shooting. Raymond acowled at his victim when he was taken to the hospital to be identified by her. Although her injuries are very serious, the woman may recover.

COP SPOILED HIS NEW HIGH HAT A Morrisanta Policeman Accused by a New

While Harry Heilman of 1289 Madison avenne and Valentine Ernst of 613 East 154th street were loitering about the steps of the elevated railroad station at 149th street and Third avenue on New Year's eve, Policeman Cepp of the Morrisania station ordered them to move on. When Hellman said he was waiting for his

on. When Heilman said he was waiting for his cashier to come along from the shop with the day's receipts, the policeman, he says, called him names.

An hour later Heilman hunted up the policeman to get his number, and got arrested. His coat was torn this time, and he says Policeman Oepp broke his new silk hat with his club and came near breaking his head.

Policeman Oepp says he did not find it necessary to use his night stick at all in arresting Heilman, and that he was followed all the way to the station by Ernst and abused by him with great fluency. Ernst called him a liar in the police station, and was thereupon locked up. When the prisoners were arraigned in Morrisania Court yesterday Magistrate Cornell ad-

sania Court yesterday Magistrate Cornell ad-journed the hearing to give both sides time to procure witnesses.

JUSTICE BROWN'S SUCCESSOR. No Work by the Brooklyn Appellate Division Until He Is Named. Owing to the retirement of Justice Charles F.

Brown there is a vacancy in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn. This body will be unable to transact any business until Justice Brown's successor is appointed by Gov. Black. It seems to be the general idea that Gov. Black will appoint Justice William W. Goodrich to the vacancy.

In making up the schedule for 1897 the Appellate Division evidently took into consideration the fact that Justice Brown's successor would be Justice Goodrich for the reason his name is left off the schedule. Justice Goodrich was appointed to the Supreme Court bench last summer by Gov. Morton to fill the unexpired term of Justice Caivin E. Fratt, caused by the latter's death. Justice Goodrich was nominated for a full term of fourteen years, and was elected last November. He is a Republican, and at one time was Chairman of the Republican County Committee. Gov. Black. It seems to be the general idea that

Jersey City's New City Hall Thrown Open Jersey City's new City Hall was thrown open for public inspection vesterday afternoon, and Mayor Wanser, assisted by several city officials, held a reception. About 5,000 persons inspected the building. It is expected that the hall will be ready for occupancy at the end of next week. The building and site cost \$900,000.

Injured in a Powder Mill Explosion. XENIA, O., Jan. 1. Shortly after noon to-day an explosion occurred at the Miami Powder Company's works a few miles north of this city. Abijah Kretzer, married, and Joe Hopping, sin-gie, employees at the works, were fatally hurt. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Boston Aldermen Want to Buy the West End Rattroad

Bosron, Jan. 1.—The Board of Aldermen this evening, without a dissenting vote, passed the resolution requesting the Legislature for permis-sion to purchase the West End Street Railroad. Hanged in New Castle, Del. New Castle, Del., Jan. 1.—Edward Wright, colored, was hanged in the jail yard here this morning. He shot ida Crummel, also colored, on the streets here on May 30, 1896.

Court Calendars This Day upreme Court-Special Term-Part II.-Ex-parte matters.
Surrogate's Court-Trial Term-No day calendar.
Surrogate's Court-Trial Term-No day calendar.
For probate-Wills of ambers-No day calendar. For probate-Wills on phus H. Maas, Catharine Fitzgibbons at 10:5 City Court-Special Term-Motions.

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A QUEER RECRUIT FOR CUBA. Sargent's Two Kentucky Wives and Ills Loose Matrimonial Ties,

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 1,-William Sargent left his home in Lewis county the other day to join the revolutionists in Cuba. His wife kissed him an eternal farewell, as she never expects to

see him again.

Sargent is a stalwart six-foot Kentuckian
who has had a remarkable matrimonial experience. Four years ago he wedded Miss Rosa Evans, one of the prettiest girls in Lewis county, She was the daughter of the Rev. William Evans. They had been married less than aix months when Sargent went West in the interest of a capitalist. From the West came a report that Sargent had died in the Rooky Mountains. After a decent interval the young widow married a prosperous business man of widow married a prosperous business man of Cincinnati. After an absence of two years Sargent returned, procured a divorce, and paid court to Miss Mary Evans, a younger sister of Rosa. Three months later they were married, it was not long, however, before Sargent disappeared from home, and a report came back that he had died in Cuba. His wife then married Charles Simpler of Lewis county. About all months later Sargent again turned up, but he did not surrender his claims to Mary, and Mr. Simpler had to surrender her. In speaking of her peculiar husband Mrs. Sargent said:

"If a Spaniard's builet does not end his rections life I think his strange experience in marrying the Evans girls will prevent him from returning to Lewis county."

WANTS TO GIVE "GYPSY" TO CUBANS The Owner of the Man-Killing Elephant

Desires to Part With Her. CHICAGO, Jan. 1 .- Gypsy, the bad, man-killing elephant, is not to be killed by electricty. Her owner, W. H. Harris, sent a telegram to Seffor Palma last evening tendering her to the Cuban insurgents, and she is now in her cage on the Pan Handle tracks in Rockwell street, subject

Pan Handle tracks in Rockwell street, subject to the orders of the Cuban Junta. Following is the telegram sent by Mr. Harris:

"Sefor Pulma, American Representative of Cuban Insurprists. New Fork:

"Thave Gypsy, large man-killing elephant, on track, awaiting to be killed, as she is too victous for show purposes. She is a trained performer and will obey any command, and I think she would be serviceable in the rough country of Cuba, where it is, I am told, difficult to manipulate field pieces. I want to dedicate her to the cause of humanity and liberty. Will ship at your expense to any American port, and will agree to secure you animal man to go with her to Cuba. If Hannibal found elephants useful in battle, why should not Gomez conquer with Gypay?

W. H. Hannis,"

KILLED HIS WIFE,

Samuel Whittaker Committed Murder and Then Attempted Snielde.

Boston, Jan. 1 .- Samuel Whittaker, a shoe mender, living in Rindge avenue, North Cambridge, shot and killed his wife, Catherine, this afternoon. He then attempted suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. He was taken to the Cambridge Hospital in a critical condition, Whittaker is about 50 years old. The couple

Whittaker is about 50 years old. The couple have had numerous quarrels.

The Whittakers have eight children. The children range in age from 24 years to 7 weeks, the infant being the only one in the house with its parents at the time of the murder. Their four small beys, who had been playing in the neighborhood, could throw no light upon the tragedy except to say that their father had driven them from the house after dinner, telling them to go out and play. Whittaker's wounds are not considered fatal.

Two Steamships Stranded in the Pog.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 1 .- As a result of the dense for of last night and this morning two steamships stranded on the Virginia coast. The North German Lloyd lines Wilehead, bound from Baltimore to Bremen, stranded at 11:40 o'clock last night 115 miles north of Cape Henry life-saving station and 500 yards from shore. She floated at high water, with the assistance of the steam pilot boat Reilef. The vessel proceeded on her trib.

The British steamship Sardinian Prince, with a general cargo, bound from New Orleans to Antwerp by way of Newport News for bunker coal, stranded at 4:30 o'clock this morning near Washwood, N.C., during the dense fog which has enveloped the coast for the past thrity-six hours. She was pulled off this afternoon.

Money to Tide Over Johns Hopking.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 1.—The trustees and faculty of Johns Hopkins University to-day formally ccepted the subscription of \$239,500 made by merchants of Baltimore and alumni of the university to tide the institution over the financial difficulties occasioned by the failure of the cial difficulties occasioned by the failure or the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to pay dividends on the stock held by the university. A luncheon was given in McCoy Hall to the subscribers, and a handsomely engraved letter of acknowledgment presented to each guest, Nearly 200 persons were present. Addresses were made by President Gilman, William Wal-lace Spence, and others. lace Spence, and others.

Robbed by a Hoboken Footpad,

John Powers of 250 Spring street, West Hoboken, while walking along Central avenue about 9 o'clock last night was accosted by a man who demanded money. On being refused, the man struck Powers on the head with some bint instrument, knocking him down. He then grabbed Powers's gold watch and chain and ran down the avenue. A policeman captured the thief ani placed him under arrest. The prisoner said he was Michael J. Smith, 33 years old, of Clinton avenue and Hill street. The was held for the Grand Jury on charges of highway robers and attroclous assault.

Ex-Gov. Morton at Home. Ex-Gov. Levi P. Morton arrived in this city about 7:30 o'clock last night from Albany. He got to his house at 871 Fifth avenue in time to eat a New Year's dinner with his family, and spent the rest of the evening at home.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN,

Elizabeth Howard felli from the stoop of her house at 129 Waverley place last night and was killed. Mrs. Frederick Hybeck of 319 Avenue A drank carbolic acid yesterday in mistake for a cure for tootbacke. She was taken? to Bellevie Hospital, where it was thought she would recover. Adam Martin, a bricklayer, fell or jumped from a window of his flat, on the second floor at 502 Feat Sixteenth street, while drunk early yesterday, Aithough not badly hurt, be was taken to Bellevus. Thomas O'Keefe, a pollection, went to believue Hospital yesterday, escorted by a brotter bisecoat, to be treated for delirium treats as. He became violent soon after getting there and had to be strapped to be to be strapped to be to be the became the strapped to be to be the best of the best o

Among the passengers who arrived at Quarantine last night by the Aller, from Bremen were Mrs. Teresa Carreno, the planist; Mrs. Lilli Lehmann Kallisch. Miss Martha Lehmann, G. L. Beardmore, and W. P. Beers. W. P. Beers.

Peter Stivers, the "King of Fakirs," was dis-charged yesterday when arraigned in Centre Street Court on the charge of appropriating \$25 belong-ing to A. M. Copeland, brother of Police Captain Copeland, on the score that the case was one for

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